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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: February 26, 2001 4 p.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence: February 26, 2001 1 p.m.  
Nature of Call: Dog Bite Leads to Shooting  
Location of Call: Stoney Falls Drive, Auburn, near Lone Star Road  
Case Number:  
Released by: Lt. Rick Armstrong, (530) 889-7816

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

A 19-year-old Auburn man has been arrested on multiple felony charges for shooting and killing a neighbor's dog that earlier Monday had attacked the suspect's father.

Deputies were called to a Stoney Falls Drive residence in North Auburn just before 1 p.m. Monday after the homeowner arrived and found her dog, a Boxer, dead in the bathroom from a gunshot wound. The homeowner had just returned from the hospital where she'd taken her neighbor after he was attacked by her dog.

An investigation led to the dog bite victim's neighboring home, where deputies found Brian Pascuzzi. Pascuzzi apparently shot the dog because it had attacked his father.



Pascuzzi's father was seeking treatment at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital for leg and arm lacerations when the shooting occurred. The suspect fired his rifle from outside the home and shot at the dog through a sliding glass door. The bullet passed through the animal, then through several walls in the residence.

Pascuzzi was charged with animal cruelty, firing a weapon into an occupied dwelling and reckless discharge of a weapon. Additionally, he was charged with committing a felony while out on his own recognizance for pending drug charges in Colusa County.

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